

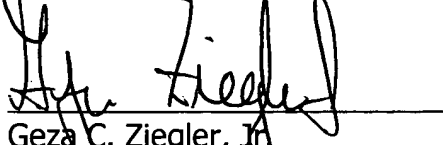
III. REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claims 1-19. Claims 20-22 are new and are directed to different claim categories, the features of the claims being similar to the features of the claims previously being indicated as allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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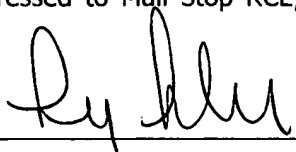
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